

REMARKS

The present application has been amended in response to the Examiner's Office Action to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant, by the amendments presented above, has made a concerted effort to present claims which clearly define over the prior art of record, and thus to place this case in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, the Examiner continues to reject the claims as being indefinite and as being unpatentable over a combination of International Publication No. WO03/081905 (Rees), Japanese Patent No. 02285172 (Hasegawa et al.), and United States Patent Nos. 5,090,300 (Berenstein) and 5,210,611 (Yee et al.), and Applicant appreciates Examiner's helpful explanation of his position in his Remarks.

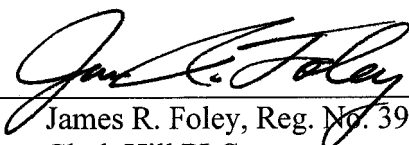
The claims have been amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejections, and also to further distinguish the present invention from the prior art cited by the Examiner. Specifically, Applicant has limited the claims to a **space** heating device, as the Examiner still regards Rees as being a "heating device", although Applicant respectfully traverses. Rees refers to the provision of a heating circuit (page 3, lines 9-15), but as Applicant pointed out in the last response, this is, as stated by Rees in line 10, **to counter condensation**. Rees is **not** a space heating device – it is a TV monitor 4 contained in a waterproof enclosure 6 inset into a bathroom wall (see page 3, line 27). It is said at lines 9-15 that the heating device is to prevent condensation, and hence protect the TV unit 4, and consequently it is believed that directing all the claims to a space heating device now provides clear distinction over the references, particularly Rees.

In view of the above, it is believed that Claim 1, as well as those claims which depend therefrom, are patentable over the prior art.

Should the present claims not be deemed adequate to effectively define the patentable subject matter, the Examiner is respectfully urged to call the undersigned attorney of record to discuss the claims in an effort to reach an agreement toward allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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